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PARIS ALSO FOR UNESCO (TORRES AND MAYNES)

VIENNA FOR UNIDO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNESCO, SHUM, IS, GW

SUBJECT: UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD: ISRAELI OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES ITEM

REFS: (A) STATE 118535; (B) BONN 8442

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SUMMARY: THE FRG WILL SUPPORT US ALTERNATIVE DRAFT
STRONGLY WITHIN WEO AND, IF DESIRED, IN CONTACTS
WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, IF EITHER ORIGINAL
OR MARTIN DRAFT IS BROUGHT TO A VOTE, THE FRG WILL
ADHERE TO A COMMON EUROPEAN POSITION IN FAVOR OF
ABSTENTION. END SUMMARY.

1. WE MADE OUR DEMARCHE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE -- ACTING OFFICE DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF UN SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS (WOLF) AND TO UNESCO DESK OFFICER (DEETJEN) -- ON THE MORNING OF MAY 10. THEY HAD NOT YET SEEN FULL TEXT OF THE MARTIN COMPROMISE DRAFT; UPON READING IT, THEY AGREED THAT IT WAS NO BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL AND SHOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED.

2. AFTER REVIEWING THE US ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL, WOLF AGREED THAT IT WAS QUITE GOOD AND THAT IT PROVIDED A BASIS ON WHICH "ALL REASONABLE PEOPLE" SHOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE. HE UNDERTOOK TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO THE FRG DELEGATION TO LEND THE US DRAFT ITS FULL SUPPORT AND TO INITIATE LOBBYING EFFORTS -- IN CONCERT WITH THE US DELEGATION -- AMONG EUROPEAN, AS WELL AS ARAB AND AFRICAN DELEGATIONS IN FAVOR OF IT. AT ITS DISCRETION, THE FRG DELEGATION WILL ALSO BE INSTRUCTED TO ENCOURAGE MARTIN TO WITHDRAW HIS DRAFT FROM CONSIDERATION.

3. WOLF NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF OUR EFFORT AT COMPROMISE IS UNSUCCESSFUL AND EITHER THE ORIGINAL OR MARTIN DRAFT IS CALLED TO A VOTE, THE FRG DELEGATION WILL HAVE TO STAND BY ITS EUROPEAN PARTNERS IN AB-
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STENTION. THIS DECISION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN WITHIN THE WEO AND, ALTHOUGH THE FRG HAD ARGUED IN FAVOR OF A NEGATIVE VOTE AT THAT TIME, IT WOULD HAVE TO ADHERE TO THE COMMON EUROPEAN POSITION.

4. WOLF SUGGESTED THAT ABSTENTION WAS A REASONABLE COURSE OF ACTION, AT LEAST FOR THE EUROPEANS WHO ARE NOT BURDENED WITH DOMESTIC CONSTRAINTS AS IS THE US. ABSTENTION, HE ARGUED, DID, IN FACT, EXPRESS THEIR NEGATIVE SENTIMENTS, BUT DID SO WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING WHAT WAS PERCEIVED TO BE AN IMPROVING (I.E. MORE FAVORABLE TO WESTERN CONCERNS) WORKING ENVIRONMENT WITHIN UNESCO. NOTING THAT THE US DELEGATION HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT JOINING IN THE WEO ABSTENTION, HE URGED THAT THE US RECONSIDER ITS COMMITMENT TO A NEGATIVE VOTE.
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